



Daniel B. Whitley

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Daniel Whitley began serving as the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service in July 2021.

Prior to this role, Daniel served as the Associate Administrator for policy and analysis where he led the Global Market Analysis and the Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs units. In this capacity he led the agency's efforts to analyze agricultural export markets and policy formulation to advance American agricultural interests. He has over 20 years of experience at USDA and began his career as an intern with the Farmer's Home Administration in a rural Louisiana field office; later, he joined the Economic Research Service before starting his tenure with FAS in 2001. Since joining FAS, Daniel has served in a number of leadership positions including Deputy Administrator of Global Analysis. In this capacity, he represented the U.S. government in key international forums including the World Trade Organization, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and the International Grains Council. Daniel is a native of Baton Rouge, LA and holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Southern University in Baton Rouge and a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Louisiana State University. He currently lives with his family in Washington, DC.